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Office of Representative Stephanie Herseth Sandlin
Surface Transportation Reauthorization

331 Common House, Office Building
Washington, D.C.

ATTN: Ashley Martin

Dear Ashley:

The Yankton Sioux Tribe would like to thank your office for giving the tribe the opportunity to prioritize their projects for the upcoming reauthorization of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)(P.L. 109-59).

There are many projects that the Yankton Sioux Tribe would like to construct or re-construct, but funding is not adequate for them all.

The #1 High Priority Project for the Yankton Sioux Tribe would be the development of a reservation wide transit service. This service would:

- provide transportation to job sites on reservation;
- provide transportation for reservation residents to get to medical appointments, shop, etc., on and off reservation
- provide a reliable and safe mode of transportation to reservation residents

The Yankton Sioux Tribe's Business and Claims Committee fully support and endorse any and all proposals that address the creation of the tribal Transit Services.

Thank you,

Robert Cournoyer, CHAIRMAN
Business and Claims Committee

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